

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 29 of the application as filed as follows:

The highest energy concentrations occur in the immediate vicinity of the electrode, on account of the high electric field gradient. In view of this fact, the invention achieves the abovementioned objects, in a very surprisingly simple way, just by means of a unit ~~having the features of claim 1~~ as disclosed herein.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 23 of the application as filed as follows:

Advantageous refinements of the invention are to be found in the associated ~~subclaims~~ various embodiments disclosed herein.